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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Philip A. Natale 185 Carleton Dr. East Shirley, NY 11967. Plaintiff.

VS.

Savasta and Company, Inc. 1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza New York, NY 10017. Defendant.

Civil Court of the City of New York, Small Claims Part To:

111 Centre Street. Room 325 New York, NY 10013-4389

Plaintiff Philip A. Natale 185 Carleton Dr. East Shirley, NY 11967



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(SCNY 2044/05-1 6/14)



Defendant Savasta and Company, Inc. ("Savasta"), through its counsel, removes this action pursuant to Sections 1441 and 1449 of Title 28 of the United States Code.

Plaintiff Philip A. Natale filed a claim against Defendant Savasta in the Civil Court of the City of New York. The Notice of Claim, which was served upon the Defendant on May 12, 2005, asserts an "action recover monies arising out of nonpayment of insurance claim." (A copy of the Notice of Claim is attached hereto.)

Defendant Savasta is the third-party administrator of the Local 295/Local 851 I.B.T. Employer Group Welfare Trust Fund (the "Fund"). which is a multiemployer employee benefit plan governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq. The Plaintiff's claim concerns a claim for benefits from the Fund, which is governed by ERISA. US MAY 20 PM IZ: I7

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This action is removed to federal court under Section 1441(a) of Title 28 of the U.S.

Code because it concerns a federal question under Section 1331 of Title 28 of the U.S. Code.

DATED:

May 20, 2005

SAVASTA AND COMPANY, INC.,

By its attorneys.

Lafry Cary (LC3352) Cary Kane LLP

1350 Broadway, Suite 815

New York, NY 10018

(212) 868-6300

together with interest and disbursements, on the fallowing claim:

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This is the start of a lawsuit against you. It should not be ignored. Your default may have seri NOTICE TO DEFENDANT YOU MUST BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU EACH TIME YOU APPEAR IN COURT ON THIS This claim is scheduled for a Hearing to be held in the Controvan:

NOTICE OF CLAIM and SUMMONS TO APPEAR

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SUMMONS TO APPEAR

Un Tuesday, June 14, New York, 111 Centre Street (Room 353) New York 10013 2005 at 5:10 FM

You, or someone authorized to represent you, must appear and present your defense at the Hearing. If you wish, you may retain the server a naturney to represent you at your own expense. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR, JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST Y BY DETAULT, EVEN-THOUGH YOU MAY HAVE A VALID DEFENSE. Only the ludge presiding at the Hearing can adjournment. The Clerk cannot grant any change in the scheduled date or time. grau

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CLAIMANT

PHILIP A NATALE SHIRLEY, NY 185 CARLETON DR. 11367-EAST

DEFENDANT

C/O LINDA KELLNER SAVASTA AND COMPANY INC MEW YORK CITY, NY DAG HANNARSKJULD PLAZA 10017-

ESTA INFORMACIÓN ESTÁ DISPONIBLE EÑ ESPAÑOL EN LA CORTE

# THIS IS THE START OF A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL ASSIST YOU IN DEFENSE OF THE LAWSUIT.

### BEFORE THE HEARING

will often assign an attorney representative to be present of the Hearing at no cost to you if they are made aware of the case by the policy holder If this case involves duringe to an antomobile or other property covered by insurance, notify your insurance company of this Hearing. The insurance companies

# COUNTERCLAIM AND THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS

If you have a claim against the Claimant, you may bring a "Counterclaim" as part of this lawsuit, for money only, up to \$3,000. Within five (5) days of receiving this Notice of Claim you should file a statement containing such Counterclaim with the Court. At the time you file such Counterclaim you must pay the Clerk a filing fee of \$3.00. plus the cost of pushage. The Clerk will send the notice of your Counterclaim by First Class mail to the Chamant. The Counterclaim must include the annum of your claim and

an explanation of the nature of your claim. You should be prepared to prove your Counterclaim on the day you come to Coun for the Hearing.

If you fail to file the Counterclaim within the five (5) day period mentioned above, the law provides you with the right, nevertheless, to file your Counterclaim to the Court at the time of the Hearing. If you present the Clerk at test five (5) days before the scheduled hearing date, You may also give notice of your Counterclaim to the Court at the time of the Hearing. If you present your Counterclaim at this time, the Claimant may request and obtain an adjournment (postponement) of the hearing to a later date.

If you believe that a third party bears full or partial responsibility for the claim, you may be able to bring that party into the tawsoit as a "fluird Party Defendant."

Contact the Clerk promptly for information about tiling a "third-party action."

#### JURY TRIAL

If you desire a jury, you must, at least one day before the day upon which you have been notified to appear. The with the Clerk of the Court a written derivated urial by jury. At that time, you will have to make an affidavit specifying the issues of fact which you desire to have tried by a jury and stating that such tried is desired and demanded in good faith. You will have to pay a jury see and also file an undertaking (a deposit in cash) to secure the payment of any costs that may be awarded and demanded in good faith. You will have to pay a jury see and also file an undertaking (a deposit in cash) to secure the payment of any costs that may be awarded against you. Under the law the court may award additional costs to the Chainam if you demand a jury trial and a ventice is rendered against you.

#### DEMAND LETTER

If this case is a "Consumer Transaction," you should have received a letter from the Claimant demanding payment. 10 days to 6 months prior to your receipt of this Notice of Claim If you did not get such a letter, marky the Court at the time of your appearance.

#### SETTLEMENT

or before the date set for the Hearing. The document provided to the Court must include the SC number of your case, and the year. a) and you are able to work out a settlement with the Claimson, a written agreement (Supulation of Settlement) should be filed with the Court. This may be

with the Claimant and cater ioto a written Stipulation of Settlement b) but desire more time to pay and the Chamant is not willing to accept your plan for payment you must appear personally on the date set for the Hearing, tell that you desire time to pay, and provide your reason(s) for desiring time to pay. At that time, with the and of the Court, you may be able to reach agreement.

If neither side appears in court on the date scheduled for the Hearing, the case will be marked "DISMISSED, No Appearance Either Side."

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## JUDGES AND ARBITKATOKS

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANSWERING THE CALENDAR CALL

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## RESULTS OF THIS ACTION

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If you wish you may pick up a copy of the informational bankler. "A Guide to Small Chims" or "A Guide to Commercial Chims" at the Clerk's Office. to commence an action for the sum of the original adament plus rosts, reconside attorney tess, and one hundred dollars (\$100,00). judgment has remained unpaid for thirty-five days after the jedgment debtor has reserved a copy of the judgment, the judgment creditor shall be eatified Whenever a judgment has been rendered ugainst a person, particiship. From su exerposation to other than its mac legal matter and drain

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#### PROOF OF CLAIM

If you defense is supported by a written contract or agreement, account books, receipts, itemized bills marked "Paid," cancelled checks, etc., you must produce them at the Hearing. If you rely on estimates for the future cost of repair, service or replacement, two different written itemized and signed estimates of the costs to be incurred are required. If possible, merchandise that is in dispute should be brought to court, Photographs may be an acceptable alternative in certain circumstances.

whom the Subpoena is served. Your request for subpornas must be made to the Clerk before the scheduled date of the Hearing. ness is unwilling to provide you with required evidence or to appear voluntarity, you may request the Clerk to issue a Subpouna for Records and/or a Subpouna to Testify, to compel someone to produce the records or to actually appear and testify. Subpounds are issued by the Court without fee, but you will be required to pay a fee to the person on If you have a witness, beishe must be in court with you at the time and place indicated on this notice. You may have to pay an expert witness for his or her time. If a wit-

# REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT (CHANGE OF TIME OR DATE OF HEARING)

If the Hearing is scheduled for the evening and this time would cause an "unreasonable hardship" for you, you or your representative should appear at the scheduled time and request that the action be re-scheduled for a daytime Hearing. Only a Judge can grant an adjournment. The Clerk cannot grant any change in the scheduled date or time Proceedings are normally scheduled in the evening unless special circumstances warrant that the Clerk schedule the case for a daytime Hearing.

## **KESULT OF NON-APPEARANCE (DEFAULT)**

If you, the Defendant, fail to appear for a trial an inquest may be held. At the inquest, the Claimant must prove his/her case to the satisfaction of the Arbitrator even though the Defendant is not present. Almost all inquests will result in a Judgment in favor of the Claimant.

If the Claimant (the person who is suing) fails to appear, the case will generally be Dismissed.

# DEFENDANTS WHO ARE CORPORATIONS OR VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS

Voluntary Associations must appear by altomey. Corporation defendants may appear by an attorney or by any authorized officer, director, or employee of the corporation. See CPLR § 321 and CCA § 1809 (2)

Bring this sheet with you at the time you come to Court

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